

Sub-division of lands and hindrances to Agriculture.

323. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Are the Government aware that minute sub-divisions of land that have been and are going on at present affect injuriously the agricultural industry of the State; if so, will they be pleased to state whether any proposal intended to counteract this evil and to safeguard this industry is likely to engage their attention in the near future?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government are not aware that the subdivision of holdings injuriously affects the agricultural industry of the State. No such proposals as are referred to by the Member are engaging the attention of the Government at present. They are not in a position to say now if they are likely to engage their attention in the near future.

Interpellations asked and answered during the Karkatakam Session in 1100.

324. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*):

(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of interpellations admitted for answer during the last Budget Session and the number answered?

(b) In respect of the few or many, as the case may be, that have been left unanswered, will the Government be pleased to state how these happened to be left behind or ignored?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) 294 interpellations were admitted and answers to 173 were got ready and included in the list of questions and answers furnished each day. But through the absence of some of the members, only 151 have been included in the Proceedings.

(b) The Member is referred to the answer to interpellation asked by Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai on the 20th April 1926. No interpellation is ignored. But when the prorogation of the session occurs before adequate information for an answer is obtainable, some questions must necessarily lapse. These are taken up again and answered, if renewed by the Members.

Pay of the Sanitary Commissioner.

325. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*):

(a) When was the pay of the post of the Sanitary Commissioner raised from Rs. 500 to Rs. 600 and when was it lowered to Rs. 300 rising to Rs. 400?

(b) What was the interval between the raising of the pay from Rs. 500 to Rs. 600 and the lowering of the same to Rs. 300?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) The pay of the then incumbent of the office of the Sanitary Commissioner was raised from Rs. 500 to Rs. 600 with effect from the 11th Karkatakam 1095, and the pay of the appointment was fixed at Rs. 300-400 with effect from the 10th Makaram 1100.

(b) Four and a half years.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Were the duties and responsibilities of the Sanitary Commissioner enlarged at the time the pay of the appointment was raised from Rs. 500 to Rs. 600?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No, he did the same duties as before.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Were they to any extent lightened at the time the present incumbent was appointed to the place?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Are not the duties and responsibilities of this officer growing in proportion to the increased activities of the Government in all directions?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not understand how the increased activities of the Government will increase the work of the Sanitary Commissioner.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Are the Government prepared to say so?

PRESIDENT: That is purely a matter of opinion.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Were there any reasons for reducing the pay of the post from Rs. 600 to Rs. 300?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government did it as a measure of retrenchment of expenditure.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Is there any other instance in which the pay of an appointment has been similarly reduced?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Member please mention an instance?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The pay of the Inspector of English Schools was reduced when Mr. Pryde joined the College. There are other instances also.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): I want an instance of an appointment held by Indians.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I am unable to say now.

Pay of Dr. Krishnamurti Aiyar, Sanitary Commissioner.

326. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state what service Dr. Krishnamurti Aiyar had put in and what salary he was drawing at the time of his appointment as Sanitary Commissioner and will they also be pleased to furnish similar information in respect of the present Commissioner?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): At the time of his appointment as Sanitary Commissioner, Dr. Krishnamurti Aiyar